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To amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of dental and oral health services, vision services, and hearing services under the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

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Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. CARDIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*

2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare and Medicaid

5 Dental, Vision, and Hearing Benefit Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. DENTAL AND ORAL HEALTH SERVICES UNDER**
2 **MEDICARE.**

3 (a) COVERAGE.—Section 1861(s)(2) of the Social Se-
4 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)) is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (GG), by striking “and”
6 after the semicolon at the end;

7 (2) in subparagraph (HH), by striking the pe-
8 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
10 paragraph:

11 “(II) dental and oral health services (as defined
12 in subsection (III));”.

13 (b) DENTAL AND ORAL HEALTH SERVICES DE-
14 FINED.—Section 1861 of the Social Security Act (42
15 U.S.C. 1395x) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
16 lowing new subsection:

17 “Dental and Oral Health Services
18 “(III) The term ‘dental and oral health services’
19 means—

20 “(1) routine dental cleanings and exams;

21 “(2) basic dental services, such as fillings and
22 crowns;

23 “(3) major dental services, such as root canals,
24 and extractions;

25 “(4) emergency dental care; and

1 “(5) other necessary services related to dental
2 or oral health (as defined by the Secretary).”.

3 (c) PAYMENT; COINSURANCE; AND LIMITATIONS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(a)(1) of the
5 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)) is
6 amended—

7 (A) by striking “and” before “(DD)”; and
8 (B) by inserting before the semicolon at
9 the end the following: “, and (EE) with respect
10 to dental and oral health services (as defined in
11 section 1861(ll)), the amount paid shall be the
12 payment amount specified under section
13 1834(z)”.

14 (2) PAYMENT AND LIMITS SPECIFIED.—Section
15 1834 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m)
16 is amended by adding at the end the following new
17 subsection:

18 “(z) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR DENTAL AND ORAL
19 HEALTH SERVICES.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount
21 under this part for dental and oral health services
22 (as defined in section 1861(ll)) shall be, subject to
23 paragraph (3), the applicable percent (specified in
24 paragraph (2)) of the lesser of the actual charge for

1 the services or the amount determined under the
2 payment basis determined under section 1848.

3 “(2) APPLICABLE PERCENT.—For purposes of
4 paragraph (1), the applicable percent specified in
5 this paragraph is—

6 “(A) for the first year beginning at least 6
7 months after the date of the enactment of this
8 subsection, 0 percent;

9 “(B) for the year following the year speci-
10 fied in subparagraph (A) and each subsequent
11 year through the seventh year following the
12 year specified in subparagraph (A), the applica-
13 ble percent specified in this paragraph for the
14 previous year increased by 10 percentage
15 points; and

16 “(C) for the eighth year following the year
17 specified in subparagraph (A) and each subse-
18 quent year, 80 percent.

19 “(3) LIMITATIONS AND SECRETARIAL AUTHOR-
20 ITY.—

21 “(A) FREQUENCY.—With respect to dental
22 and oral health services that are—

23 “(i) routine dental cleanings, payment
24 may be made under this part for only two

1 such cleanings during a 12-month period;
2 and

3 “(ii) routine exams, payment may be
4 made under this part for only two such
5 exams during a 12-month period.

6 “(B) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

7 “(i) AUTHORITY TO APPLY ADDI-
8 TIONAL LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary may
9 apply such other reasonable limitations on
10 the extent to which dental and oral services
11 are covered under this part, including
12 through application of a prior authoriza-
13 tion requirement.

14 “(ii) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY COV-
15 ERAGE.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
16 sion of this title, if the Secretary deter-
17 mines appropriate, the Secretary may mod-
18 ify the coverage under this part of dental
19 and oral health services to the extent that
20 such modification is consistent with the
21 recommendations of the United States Pre-
22 ventive Services Task Force.”.

23 (d) PAYMENT UNDER PHYSICIAN FEE SCHEDULE.—
24 Section 1848(j)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.

1 1395w-4(j)(3)) is amended by inserting “(2)(II),” before
2 “(3”).

3 (e) DENTURES.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(s)(8) of the
5 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(8)) is
6 amended—

7 (A) by striking “(other than dental)” and
8 inserting “(including dentures); and

9 (B) by striking “internal body”.

10 (2) SPECIAL PAYMENT RULES.—Section
11 1834(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
12 1395m(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
13 lowing new paragraph:

14 “(23) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR DENTURES.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount
16 under this part for dentures shall be, subject to
17 subparagraph (C), the applicable percent (speci-
18 fied in subparagraph (B)) of the amount other-
19 wise payable for such dentures under this sec-
20 tion.

21 (B) APPLICABLE PERCENT.—For pur-
22 poses of subparagraph (A), the applicable per-
23 cent specified in this subparagraph is—

1 “(i) for the first year beginning at
2 least 6 months after the date of the enact-
3 ment of this paragraph, 0 percent;

4 “(ii) for the year following the year
5 specified in clause (i) and each subsequent
6 year through the seventh year following the
7 year specified in clause (i), the applicable
8 percent specified in this subparagraph for
9 the previous year increased by 10 percent-
10 age points; and

11 “(iii) for the eighth year following the
12 year specified in clause (i) and each subse-
13 quent year, 80 percent.

14 “(C) LIMITATIONS AND SECRETARIAL AU-
15 THORITY.—

16 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Payment may be
17 made under this part for an individual
18 for—

19 “(I) not more than one full upper
20 and one full lower denture once every
21 five years; and

22 “(II) not more than one partial
23 upper denture and one partial lower
24 denture once every five years.

25 “(ii) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

1 “(I) AUTHORITY TO APPLY ADDI-
2 TIONAL LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary
3 may apply such other reasonable limi-
4 tations on the extent to which den-
5 tures are covered under this part, in-
6 cluding through application of a prior
7 authorization requirement.

8 “(II) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY
9 COVERAGE.—Notwithstanding any
10 other provision of this title, if the Sec-
11 retary determines appropriate, the
12 Secretary may modify the coverage
13 under this part of dentures to the ex-
14 tent that such modification is con-
15 sistent with the recommendations of
16 the United States Preventive Services
17 Task Force.”.

18 (f) REPEAL OF GROUND FOR EXCLUSION.—Section
19 1862(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y) is
20 amended by striking paragraph (12).

21 (g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
22 this section shall apply to services furnished on or after
23 January 1 of the first year beginning at least six months
24 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 3. VISION SERVICES UNDER MEDICARE.**

2 (a) COVERAGE.—Section 1861(s)(2) of the Social Se-
3 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)), as amended by section
4 2(a), is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (HH), by striking “and”
6 after the semicolon at the end;

7 (2) in subparagraph (II), by adding “and” after
8 the semicolon at the end; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
10 paragraph:

11 “(JJ) vision services (as defined in subsection
12 (mmm));”.

13 (b) VISION SERVICES DEFINED.—Section 1861 of
14 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x), as amended
15 by section 2(b), is amended by adding at the end the fol-
16 lowing new subsection:

17 “Vision Services

18 “(mmm) The term ‘vision services’ means—

19 “(1) routine eye examinations and procedures
20 performed (during the course of any eye examina-
21 tion) to determine the refractive state of the eyes;
22 and

23 “(2) other necessary services related to eye and
24 vision health (as defined by the Secretary).”.

25 (c) PAYMENT; COINSURANCE; AND LIMITATIONS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(a)(1) of the
2 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)), as
3 amended by section 2(c)(1), is amended—

4 (A) by striking “and” before “(EE)”; and
5 (B) by inserting before the semicolon at
6 the end the following: “, and (FF) with respect
7 to vision services (as defined in section
8 1861(mmm)), the amount paid shall be the
9 payment amount specified under section
10 1834(aa)”.
11 (2) PAYMENT AND LIMITS SPECIFIED.—Section
12 1834 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m),
13 as amended by section 2(c)(2), is amended by add-
14 ing at the end the following new subsection:

15 “(aa) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR VISION SERV-
16 ICES.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount
18 under this part for vision services (as defined in sec-
19 tion 1861(mmm)) shall be, subject to paragraph (3),
20 the applicable percent (specified in paragraph (2)) of
21 the lesser of the actual charge for the services or the
22 amount determined under the payment basis deter-
23 mined under section 1848.

1 “(2) APPLICABLE PERCENT.—For purposes of
2 paragraph (1), the applicable percent specified in
3 this paragraph is—

4 “(A) for the first year beginning at least 6
5 months after the date of the enactment of this
6 subsection, 0 percent;

7 “(B) for the year following the year speci-
8 fied in subparagraph (A) and each subsequent
9 year through the seventh year following the
10 year specified in subparagraph (A), the applica-
11 ble percent specified in this paragraph for the
12 previous year increased by 10 percentage
13 points; and

14 “(C) for the eighth year following the year
15 specified in subparagraph (A) and each subse-
16 quent year, 80 percent.

17 “(3) LIMITATIONS AND SECRETARIAL AUTHOR-
18 ITY.—

19 “(A) FREQUENCY.—With respect to rou-
20 tine eye exams, payment may be made under
21 this part for only one such exam during a 12-
22 month period.

23 “(B) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

24 “(i) AUTHORITY TO APPLY ADDI-
25 TIONAL LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary may

1 apply other reasonable limitations on the
2 extent to which vision services are covered
3 under this part, including through applica-
4 tion of a prior authorization requirement.

5 “(ii) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY COV-
6 ERAGE.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
7 sion of this title, if the Secretary deter-
8 mines appropriate, the Secretary may mod-
9 ify the coverage under this part of vision
10 services to the extent that such modifica-
11 tion is consistent with the recomenda-
12 tions of the United States Preventive Serv-
13 ices Task Force.”.

14 (d) PAYMENT UNDER PHYSICIAN FEE SCHEDULE.—
15 Section 1848(j)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
16 1395w-4(j)(3)), as amended by section 2(d), is amended
17 by inserting “(2)(JJ),” after “(2)(II),”.

18 (e) SPECIAL PAYMENT RULES FOR EYEGLASSES,
19 CONTACT LENSES, AND LOW VISION DEVICES.—Section
20 1834(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(a)),
21 as amended by section 2(e)(2), is amended by adding at
22 the end the following new paragraphs:

23 “(24) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR EYEGLASSES
24 AND CONTACT LENSES.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount
2 under this part for eyeglass lenses, eyeglass
3 frames, and contact lenses shall be, subject to
4 subparagraph (C), the applicable percent (speci-
5 fied in subparagraph (B)) of the amount other-
6 wise payable for such eyeglass lenses, eyeglass
7 frames, and contact lenses, respectively, under
8 this section.

9 “(B) APPLICABLE PERCENT.—For pur-
10 poses of subparagraph (A), the applicable per-
11 cent specified in this subparagraph is—

12 “(i) for the first year beginning at
13 least 6 months after the date of the enact-
14 ment of this paragraph, 0 percent;

15 “(ii) for the year following the year
16 specified in clause (i) and each subsequent
17 year through the seventh year following the
18 year specified in clause (i), the applicable
19 percent specified in this subparagraph for
20 the previous year increased by 10 percent-
21 age points; and

22 “(iii) for the eighth year following the
23 year specified in clause (i) and each subse-
24 quent year, 80 percent.

1 “(C) LIMITATIONS AND SECRETARIAL AU-
2 THORITY.—

3 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Payment may be
4 made under this part (other than for
5 eyewear described in section 1861(s)(8))
6 for an individual for—

7 “(I) not more than one pair of
8 eyeglass lenses during any 12-month
9 period;

10 “(II) not more than one set of
11 eyeglass frames during any 24-month
12 period; and

13 “(III) contact lenses, only to the
14 extent that the sum of such payments
15 for contact lenses does not exceed a
16 limitation of \$200 during any 24-
17 month period beginning during the
18 first year beginning at least six
19 months after the date of the enact-
20 ment of this paragraph (or, beginning
21 during a subsequent year, such limita-
22 tion for a 24-month period beginning
23 in the previous year increase by an
24 appropriate inflation adjustment spec-
25 ified by the Secretary).

1 “(ii) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

2 “(I) AUTHORITY TO APPLY ADDI-
3 TIONAL LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary
4 may apply such other reasonable limi-
5 tations on the extent to which eye-
6 glass lenses, eyeglass frames, and con-
7 tact lenses are covered under this
8 part, including through application of
9 a prior authorization requirement.

10 “(II) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY
11 COVERAGE.—Notwithstanding any
12 other provision of this title, if the Sec-
13 retary determines appropriate, the
14 Secretary may modify the coverage
15 under this part of eyeglass lenses, eye-
16 glass frames, and contact lenses to
17 the extent that such modification is
18 consistent with the recommendations
19 of the United States Preventive Serv-
20 ices Task Force.

21 “(25) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR LOW VISION
22 DEVICES.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount
24 under this part for low vision devices shall be,
25 subject to subparagraph (C), the applicable per-

1 cent (specified in subparagraph (B)) of the
2 amount otherwise payable for low vision devices
3 under this section.

4 “(B) APPLICABLE PERCENT.—For pur-
5 poses of subparagraph (A), the applicable per-
6 cent specified in this subparagraph is—

7 “(i) for the first year beginning at
8 least 6 months after the date of the enact-
9 ment of this paragraph, 0 percent;

10 “(ii) for the year following the year
11 specified in clause (i) and each subsequent
12 year through the seventh year following the
13 year specified in clause (i), the applicable
14 percent specified in this subparagraph for
15 the previous year increased by 10 percent-
16 age points; and

17 “(iii) for the eighth year following the
18 year specified in clause (i) and each subse-
19 quent year, 80 percent.

20 “(C) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

21 “(i) AUTHORITY TO APPLY LIMITA-
22 TIONS.—The Secretary may apply reason-
23 able limitations on the extent to which low
24 vision devices are covered under this part,

1 including through application of a prior
2 authorization requirement.

3 “(ii) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY COV-
4 ERAGE.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
5 sion of this title, if the Secretary deter-
6 mines appropriate, the Secretary may mod-
7 ify the coverage under this part of low vi-
8 sion devices to the extent that such modi-
9 fication is consistent with the recomenda-
10 tions of the United States Preventive Serv-
11 ices Task Force.

12 “(D) LOW VISION DEVICE DEFINED.—In
13 this paragraph, the term ‘low vision device’
14 means a device, prescribed by a physician, that
15 magnifies, enhances, or otherwise augments or
16 interprets visual images irrespective of the size,
17 form, or technological features of such device
18 and does not include ordinary eyeglasses or con-
19 tact lenses. In the previous sentence, the term
20 ‘ordinary eyeglasses or contact lenses’ means
21 lenses that are intended to fully correct visual
22 acuity or fully eliminate refractive error.”.

23 (f) DEFINITION OF DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
24 To INCLUDE EYEGLASSES, CONTACT LENSES, AND LOW

1 VISION DEVICES.—Section 1861(n) of the Social Security

2 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(n)) is amended—

3 (1) by striking “and” before “eye tracking” and

4 inserting a comma; and

5 (2) by inserting “, and eyeglass lenses, low vi-
6 sion devices (as defined in section 1834(a)(25)), eye-
7 glass frames, and contact lenses” before “; except”.

8 (g) REPEAL OF GROUND FOR EXCLUSION.—Section

9 1862(a)(7) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.

10 1395y(a)(7)) is amended by striking “, eyeglasses (other
11 than eyewear described in section 1861(s)(8)) or eye ex-
12 aminations for the purpose of prescribing, fitting, or
13 changing eyeglasses, procedures performed (during the
14 course of any eye examination) to determine the refractive
15 state of the eyes”.

16 (h) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
17 this section shall apply to services furnished on or after
18 January 1 of the first year beginning at least six months
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

20 **SEC. 4. HEARING SERVICES UNDER MEDICARE.**

21 (a) COVERAGE.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(s)(2) of the
23 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)), as
24 amended by sections 2(a) and 3(a), is amended—

1 (A) in subparagraph (II), by striking
2 “and” at the end;

3 (B) in subparagraph (JJ), by inserting
4 “and” at the end; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following new
6 subparagraph:

7 “(KK) audiology services (as defined in sub-
8 section (ll)(3)) and hearing services (as defined in
9 subsection (ll)(5));”.

10 (2) HEARING SERVICES DEFINED.—Section
11 1861(ll) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
12 1395x(ll)) is amended—

13 (A) in the subsection heading, by inserting
14 “; HEARING SERVICES” after “AUDIOLOGY
15 SERVICES”; and

16 (B) by adding at the end the following new
17 paragraph:

18 “(5) The term ‘hearing services’ means—

19 “(A) routine hearing exams and exams for
20 hearing aids; and

21 “(B) other necessary services related to hearing
22 health (as defined by the Secretary).”.

23 (b) PAYMENT; COINSURANCE; AND LIMITATIONS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(a)(1) of the
25 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)), as

1 amended by sections 2(c)(1) and 3(c)91), is amend-
2 ed—

16 "(bb) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR HEARING SERV-
17 ICES.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount
19 under this part for audiology services (as defined in
20 section 1861(ll)(3)) and hearing services (as defined
21 in section 1861(ll)(5)), shall be, subject to para-
22 graph (3), the applicable percent (specified in para-
23 graph (2)) of the lesser of the actual charge for the
24 services or the amount determined under the pay-
25 ment basis determined under section 1848.

1 “(2) APPLICABLE PERCENT.—For purposes of
2 paragraph (1), the applicable percent specified in
3 this paragraph is—

4 “(A) for the first year beginning at least 6
5 months after the date of the enactment of this
6 subsection, 0 percent;

7 “(B) for the year following the year speci-
8 fied in subparagraph (A) and each subsequent
9 year through the seventh year following the
10 year specified in subparagraph (A), the applica-
11 ble percent specified in this paragraph for the
12 previous year increased by 10 percentage
13 points; and

14 “(C) for the eighth year following the year
15 specified in subparagraph (A) and each subse-
16 quent year, 80 percent.

17 “(3) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

18 “(A) AUTHORITY TO APPLY LIMITA-
19 TIONS.—The Secretary may apply reasonable
20 limitations on the extent to which audiology
21 services and hearing services are covered under
22 this part, including through application of a
23 prior authorization requirement.

24 “(B) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY COVERAGE.—
25 Notwithstanding any other provision of this

1 title, if the Secretary determines appropriate,
2 the Secretary may modify the coverage under
3 this part of audiology services and hearing serv-
4 ices to the extent that such modification is con-
5 sistent with the recommendations of the United
6 States Preventive Services Task Force.”.

7 (c) PAYMENT UNDER THE PHYSICIAN FEE SCHED-
8 ULE.—Section 1848(j)(3) of the Social Security Act (42
9 U.S.C. 1395w-4(j)(3)), as amended by sections 2(d) and
10 3(d), is amended by inserting “(2)(KK),” after
11 “(2)(JJ),”.

12 (d) HEARING AIDS.—

13 (1) REPEAL OF GROUND FOR EXCLUSION.—
14 Section 1862(a)(7) of the Social Security Act (42
15 U.S.C. 1395y(a)(7)), as amended by section 3(g), is
16 amended by striking “, hearing aids or examinations
17 therefor.”.

18 (2) DEFINITION OF DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIP-
19 MENT TO INCLUDE HEARING AIDS.—Section 1861(n)
20 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(n)), as
21 amended by section 3(f), is amended by inserting
22 “hearing aids,” before “and eyeglass lenses”.

23 (3) SPECIAL PAYMENT RULES FOR HEARING
24 AIDS.—Section 1834(a) of the Social Security Act
25 (42 U.S.C. 1395m(a)), as amended by sections

1 2(e)(2) and 3(e), is amended by adding at the end
2 the following new paragraph:

3 “(26) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR HEARING
4 AIDS.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount
6 under this part for hearing aids shall be, sub-
7 ject to subparagraph (C), the applicable percent
8 (specified in subparagraph (B)) of the amount
9 otherwise payable for hearing aids under this
10 section.

11 “(B) APPLICABLE PERCENT.—For pur-
12 poses of subparagraph (A), the applicable per-
13 cent specified in this subparagraph is—

14 “(i) for the first year beginning at
15 least 6 months after the date of the enact-
16 ment of this paragraph, 0 percent;

17 “(ii) for the year following the year
18 specified in clause (i) and each subsequent
19 year through the seventh year following the
20 year specified in clause (i), the applicable
21 percent specified in this subparagraph for
22 the previous year increased by 10 percent-
23 age points; and

1 “(iii) for the eighth year following the
2 year specified in clause (i) and each subse-
3 quent year, 80 percent.

4 “(C) LIMITATIONS AND SECRETARIAL AU-
5 THORITY.—

6 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Payment may be
7 made under this part for an individual for
8 not more than one hearing aid per ear dur-
9 ing a 48-month period.

10 “(ii) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

11 “(I) AUTHORITY TO APPLY ADDI-
12 TIONAL LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary
13 may apply additional limitations on
14 the extent to which hearing aids are
15 covered under this part, including
16 through application of a prior author-
17 ization requirement and through ap-
18 plication of criteria for a minimum
19 level of hearing loss for coverage of an
20 initial or replacement hearing aid.

21 “(II) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY
22 COVERAGE.—Notwithstanding any
23 other provision of this title, if the Sec-
24 retary determines appropriate, the
25 Secretary may modify the coverage

1 under this part of hearing aids to the
2 extent that such modification is con-
3 sistent with the recommendations of
4 the United States Preventive Services
5 Task Force.”.

6 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
7 this section shall apply to services furnished on or after
8 January 1 of the first year beginning at least six months
9 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

10 **SEC. 5. INCREASED FMAP FOR COVERAGE OF DENTAL AND**
11 **ORAL HEALTH SERVICES, VISION SERVICES,**
12 **AND HEARING SERVICES UNDER MEDICAID.**

13 Section 1905 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
14 1396d) is amended—

15 (1) in subsection (a)—

16 (A) in paragraph (10), by inserting “,
17 which may include any dental and oral health
18 service (as defined in section 1861(l))” after
19 “dental services”;

20 (B) in paragraph (13)—

21 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking “;
22 and” and inserting a semicolon;
23 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
24 the semicolon and inserting “; and”; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

3 “(D) any service that is a vision service (as
4 defined in section 1861(mmm)) or a hearing
5 service (as defined in section 1861(l)(5));”;

6 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “and (ii)” and
7 inserting “(ii), and (jj); and

(3) by adding at the end the following new sub-section:

10 "(jj) INCREASED FMAP FOR EXPENDITURES FOR
11 DENTAL AND ORAL HEALTH SERVICES, VISION SERV-
12 ICES, AND HEARING SERVICES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection
14 (b), the Federal medical assistance percentage with
15 respect to amounts expended by a State for medical
16 assistance for services described in paragraph (2)
17 shall be equal to 90 percent.

18 “(2) SERVICES DESCRIBED.—A service de-
19 scribed in this paragraph is any service that—

20 “(A) is furnished on or after January 1 of
21 the first calendar year that begins at least 6
22 months after the date of the enactment of this
23 subsection;

24 “(B) is not furnished to an individual who
25 is—

1 “(i) under the age of 21; and
2 “(ii) eligible for medical assistance for
3 the services described in subsection
4 (a)(4)(B); and
5 “(C) is—
6 “(i) a dental and oral health service
7 (as defined in section 1861(ll));
8 “(ii) a vision service (as defined in
9 section 1861(mmm)); or
10 “(iii) a hearing service (as defined in
11 section 1861(l)(5)).”.

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